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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Section 10(a)(2) - Public Law 110

1. The meaning of Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 110 was discussed today with two General Accounting Office attorneys, Mr. William L. Morrow, Associate General Counsel, and Mr. Carl P. Friend, Office of the General Counsel.

2. Mr. Morrow, who specializes in the handling of appropriation matters, said very frankly that he did not know the meaning of this section. It was his impression, however, that it would be a rather strained construction to hold that CIA could do something another Agency had been specifically authorized to do, simply because of the language contained in Section 10(a)(2). Mr. Friend agreed.

3. Both attorneys agreed, however, that the broad powers enumerated in Section 10 (as a whole) would be sufficient to authorize a wide and varied group of expenditures. Specifically, they indicated Section 10 should be an adequate basis to support expenditures

4. They expressed the belief, however, that the Director of Central Intelligence should predicate any such decision on the necessity to carry out Agency functions, and couple it with the "not withstanding any other provisions of law" language of Section 10(a).

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